

Book of Mormon: Their Blood Shall Cry

There are a few places in the Bible that mention the blood of prophets and saints as in:

24) *And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. (Revelation 18)*

I wonder about the use of the word "all" above. It seems to me there have been people slain by the Lord and also in defensive struggles for which this shouldn't apply. I think the BoM restores some plain and precious truths relative to this subject. Here are a few instances:

2 Nephi 28:9-12

9) Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false and vain and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark.

10) And the blood of the saints shall cry from the ground against them.

11) Yea, they have all gone out of the way; they have become corrupted. (all means all)

12) Because of pride, and because of false teachers, and false doctrine, their churches have become corrupted, and their churches are lifted up; because of pride they are puffed up.

3 Nephi 10:12

And it was the more righteous part of the people who were saved, and it was they who received the prophets and stoned them not; and it was they who had not shed the blood of the saints, who were spared-

Mormon 8:27

And it shall come in a day when the blood of saints shall cry unto the Lord, because of secret combinations and the works of darkness.

Mormon 8:41

Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you; and the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for he will not suffer their cries any longer.

Ether 8:22

And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation (are not the LDS churches part of the nations?), behold, they shall be destroyed; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them and yet he avenge them not.

Have you ever wondered while reading the BoM why emphasis is made that those who are part of spreading false doctrine and precepts cause blood to cry out against them?

Are we over confident that the above scriptures certainly do not apply to us?

I have recently posted on how the peoples of the world – and particularly TBM's – have befriended those that are guilty of shedding righteous blood. Do we not partake in shedding righteous blood when we enter into friendships with those who have blood on their hands either directly or complicatedly? Does not "following the prophet" rather than the words of Christ cause us to stumble? Does not the BoM give us the opportunity to remove this great stumbling-block? Will we not have blood on us if we don't use the BoM in our lives: individually and collectively?